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## Japan / World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program, Yokohama National University

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Since 1995 <u>Yokohama National University</u> has been providing prominent mid-career <u>engineering</u> professionals with chances to study infrastructure <u>management</u> under <u>its</u> inter-faculty Master's Degree Program in Infrastructure Management (IMP) funded by Japanese Government and administered by <u>the World Bank</u>. Fifty-three scholars have already graduated and have been actively working in their countries with their full knowledge and experience gained in Japan.

Infrastructure plays an important role in economic growth, improving social welfare and equitable distribution of income among people and regions. Appropriate infrastructure management is crucial to fully utilize expensive infrastructure for the above objectives. Yokohama is one of the most suitable places to study such subject because the <u>development</u> of the city itself shows the evidence of the importance of infrastructure development and its appropriate management.

IMP is an interdisciplinary program jointly organized by graduate schools of law, economics, <u>business administration</u>, engineering and environment. Stress is placed on management rather than engineering. The program offers lectures in the fields of engineering, environment, economics, management and law, together with practical Japanese, <u>mathematics</u>, computer techniques and other basic subjects in the first year. During the second year, students engage in <u>internship</u> programs related to their areas of studies. Finally students submit thesis, which is a requirement for the completion of the Master's program. Presently students are from Africa, Asia and Europe. Mid-career engineering professionals who have active role in their country's development in the <u>World Bank</u> developing member countries are eligible to apply for IMP.

## Scholarships

Approximately fifteen scholarships are allocated to the YNU program by the World Bank. Each scholarship provides a monthly allowance of JPY170,000 and a round-trip air ticket to Japan plus a travel allowance of USD500. The scholarship also covers tuition fees, the entrance examination fee and the admission fee.

Citizens of low and middle income World Bank member countries are eligible for the scholarships. Applicants must be age 35 or under as of April 1, 2011. Applicants must have at least four years of practical experience involving responsibility for infrastructure development and must also intend to pursue a career in the field of development.

Application Deadline: **13 August 2010** Visit <u>official website</u>.

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